

EXHIBIT A

Declaration of Rebecca Pock

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

10 HANNAH HALE HOEKSTRA,
11 Plaintiff,

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PERSHING COUNTY; DONNA ROBINSON, an individual; PAUL E. BOYER, an individual; and P. ZOLTOVETZ, an individual; collectively.

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00392

Declaration of Rebecca Pock

I, Rebecca Pock, do declare as follows:

19 1. I am a Paralegal Specialist with the United States Department of the Interior
20 ("Department of the Interior" or "Agency"), in the Office of the Solicitor, Division of
21 General Law, Torts Practice Branch, in Denver, Colorado.

22 2. I am over the age of twenty-one and competent to make this declaration. I
23 make this declaration on personal knowledge and a review of the records regularly
24 maintained by the Agency and available to me in my regular course of business.

25 3. In my capacity as Paralegal Specialist, I process administrative claims
26 presented to the Department of the Interior under the Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA")

27 4. Upon receiving an administrative claim presented to the Agency under the
28 FTCA, the standard practice of the various Bureaus of the Department of the Interior is to

1 forward such a claim to the Office of the Solicitor, Division of General Law, Torts Practice
2 Branch.

3 5. In my capacity as a Paralegal Specialist with the Torts Practice Branch, once
4 an administrative FTCA claim is forwarded to and received by our office, I enter the claim
5 into an electronic matter tracking system.

6 6. On November 6, 2024, I manually conducted a search of the Torts Practice
7 Branch's electronic matter tracking system and email intake system to determine whether
8 the Department of the Interior had received an administrative FTCA claim submitted by
9 Hannah Hale Hoekstra. Through that search, I determined that the Tort Practice Branch's
10 electronic matter tracking system and email intake system contained no record of an
11 administrative FTCA claim submitted by or on behalf of Hannah Hale Hoekstra.

12 7. On November 6, 2024, I conducted a search of the electronic Data Tracking
13 System (DTS) used by the Office of the Solicitor, Division of General Law, in Washington
14 D.C. Through that search, I determined that the Division of General Law has not received
15 an administrative FTCA claim submitted by or on behalf of Hannah Hale Hoekstra.

16 8. On November 6, 2024, I asked the Bureau of Land Management's Nevada
17 and Arizona State Offices to conduct a search to determine whether they had received an
18 administrative FTCA claim submitted by or on behalf of Hannah Hale Hoekstra. I received
19 a response stating that the Bureau of Land Management's Nevada and Arizona State
20 Offices have not received an administrative FTCA claim submitted by or on behalf of
21 Hannah Hale Hoekstra.

22 9. I have received no information evidencing that the Department of the
23 Interior received an FTCA claim submitted by or on behalf of Hannah Hale Hoekstra.

24 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. 28 U.S.C.
25 § 1746.

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2 Dated this 14th day of November 2024.
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